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# ENTIRE GROUP NEAR COAST OF ITALY DISAPPEAR FROM SIGHT

Report by Wireless Message, Minister of Marine Rushes Torpedo Boat to Learn Facts, Population Numbering Twenty-Eight Thousand Must Inevitably Have Perished, Frightful Anarchy Prevails in Reggio, Surviving Soldiers With Admirable Patriotism Organize Patrols to Protect Property.

Reggio, Dec. 31.—A condition of most frightful anarchy prevails. A mob of ruffians roam among the buildings. They are pillaging the wrecked jewelry stores and banks, and do not hesitate to shed the blood of those opposing them. A few soldiers who escaped unhurt have been impelled by an admirable spirit of discipline to organize patrols on their own initiative. They are endeavoring to protect the property left intact, but the criminals fight them. The number of these criminals has increased to such an extent

that the soldiers have on several occasions been forced to fire on them. It was only after a pitched battle in which several were killed that a semblance of order was restored. Many of the survivors are lying exposed. The relief parties of which several are here now, are unable to cope with the distress.

The city has been divided into several zones, each commanded by an officer. Stores and food are now being landed and are guarded by soldiers to prevent pillage by the famished people. The survivors for two days suffered untold distress, thinking that they had been forsaken. Steamers were seen crossing the straits, but all signals to them were in vain, as all help went to Messina. It was only after the king's visit that relief came.

The monks and nuns in various religious institutions suffered severely and many miraculous escapes are reported. Of twenty-one nuns in one of the institutions, seven were killed instantly. Of sixty pupils all are dead except eleven, while all the servants in the convent perished.

The Liparian Islands lie to the north of the northeast section of Sicily. The group consists of numerous islands, the seven principal ones being Stromboli, Panaria, Salina, Liparia, Vulcano, Filicudi and Alicudi. The group is part of the province of Messina.

The climate is highly salubrious, and the land is well cultivated and yields grapes, cotton and olives. The islands also are known as the Aeolian

islands, and, according to fable, Aeolus held the winds imprisoned in the caverns and released them at his pleasure. Here, also, Vulcan forged his bolts.

Naples, Dec. 31.—Naples is fast filling up with refugees from Calabria and Sicily. Signor Brot, the mayor of Brescia, was visiting in Messina and was buried under the ruins of the building for several hours. The twelve-year-old son of Prof. Gabis saved himself and sister and mother, who were buried under a mass of wreckage.

A newspaper man who left Messina shortly before the catastrophe, turned back when he learned what had happened. He was stopped in the outskirts by heaps of ruins. He met people running wildly and crying for help. Everywhere he encountered half clad unfortunates feeling through the night under pelting rain. He passed a cemetery and saw that many graves had burst open. Arriving at his own house, he found it destroyed and his young wife dead under the ruins.

Russian sailors dug out \$4,000,000 from the ruins of the Bank of Sicily and handed the treasure over to the Italian naval commander. Two Russian sailors alone, at the risk of their own lives, saved eleven persons.

Sailors from the foreign warships had gathered together three hundred wounded and were caring for them in the public garden at Messina. Suddenly the improvised hospital caught

fire and the sailors, with difficulty, saved two hundred of their patients. It is feared the others perished.

### RATIONS TO SUFFERERS U. S. SUPPLY SHIP CARRIES

The Celtic Sailed With Cargo Intended for Battleship Fleet, Xmas Tree and All, For Relief of Italians.

New York, Dec. 31.—The United States supply ship Celtic which was to have met the returning battleship fleet with holiday cheer, sailed out of New York harbor this afternoon on an entirely different mission, but without changing a single item of her cargo. She will go direct to Messina to give a million and a half of navy rations to the earthquake sufferers.

The idea of changing the Celtic into a relief ship, came to her commander, Harry McP. L. Huse, last night. It met with the immediate approval of Rear Admiral Casper P. Goodrich, commander of the navy yard, who promptly communicated with the department at Washington. Red tape was quickly cut and necessary preparations were hurried and the Celtic sailed with Christmas trees still lashed to the mastsheads. It had been designed to make the Celtic the Christmas ship for the fleet.

In the face of the overwhelming need of the Italians, the department is considering its own men second; now they will be provided with food is something that will be considered later. The navy department takes full responsibility for this sudden gift of government supplies to the Italians and the expectation is that congress will be only too well pleased at this evidence of American pluck and "get-there" qualities of the American navy.

Just as its ships were the first to reach Kingston after the West Indian earthquake, so the American naval flag on the Celtic may be first to bring actual food supplies to Messina from any country.

The ship was dispatched less than 18 hours after her captain conceived his humane idea.

Washington, Dec. 31.—A memorandum showing the location and proposed disposition of the Atlantic fleet is now before the state department when the decision is announced to offer the Italian government the assistance of these vessels and their crews in caring for the sick and wounded. The matter has not yet been taken up with the Italian government.

President Roosevelt has for himself and for the American people, expressed his sympathy for the people of Italy in the calamity that has befallen them

and this government is anxious to do anything it can to relieve distress. The navy department has asked the commanding officer of the Culgoa as to the condition of his stores, but after careful examination, the officials are inclined to think there are no more aboard than are necessary to supply the leaders of the 16 battleships.

Congress will be in session on Monday and if there should exist any doubt as to the authority to use naval stores for relief purposes, this can be removed by a joint resolution directing such use.

Baron Des Planches, the Italian ambassador, called on Secretary Root and Assistant Secretary Bacon today and expressed the gratitude of his government and people over the sympathy of the United States with Italy in his misfortune. The baron is profoundly grateful for the aid being rendered through the American Red Cross.

The Scorpion, which is ordered to render all service possible, will be particularly valuable, perhaps to the American diplomatic and consular officers who may feel the necessity of using her in going from place to place in the stricken district and in assisting any American tourists who were victims of the disaster.

Active work on the part of the American Red Cross characterized the day. Approximately \$100,000 already has been made available by it from previous funds or has been promised, cabled to the American embassy at Rome, to be turned over to the Italian Red Cross society. That society, the Italian embassy as Washington reports, is the organization through which all relief will be administered. Among the contributions is one of \$25,000 from the Anheuser-Busch Brewing association of St. Louis. The governors of Illinois, Mississippi, New York, Virginia, New Hampshire and California have issued appeals for contributions. President Roosevelt personally will subscribe \$500 toward the relief fund.

Stored in the holds of the supply ship Celtic when she sailed today, was a large supply of food stuffs for the earthquake sufferers, including more than 400,000 pounds of meat and great stores of canned goods and cereals of every description. Soap, tobacco and naval stores also were sent, but not very large amounts of medical supplies.

Because of the immensity of the disaster, the Italian government will greatly appreciate aid from foreign countries. Ambassador Griscom made this statement to the state department today, having been notified to this effect by the Italian foreign office, the officials of which think that the estimate of 100,000 dead is not exaggerated.

generated. Ambassador Griscom will go to Messina tomorrow in order to avail himself of the opportunities of getting transportation for two or three consular officers and to profit by the special opportunities there for obtaining news. He will take with him Vice Consul Cutting from Milan, who will be placed temporarily in charge of the consulate at Messina. He also will take with him the interpreter of the embassy at Rome, and one of the staff of the consulate at Naples, also Winthrop Chandler, private citizen, to do special work searching for and relieving Americans. Mr. Griscom says in his dispatch that he would be glad to have a few thousands of dollars for the possible relief of Americans.

Mr. Griscom's dispatch says a local newspaper has a telegram this morning from Messina, which says that Stuart K. Lupton, the American vice consul there, is dead, as well as Consul Arthur F. Cheney and his family, whose deaths have been heretofore reported. Some doubt is expressed at the state department as to the correctness of this report, because only recently a dispatch presumed to have been sent by Lupton came to the department from Malta. The newspaper also recites the death of Vice Consul Pierce and family. This presumably refers to the predecessor of Mr. Lupton, who has been relieved by the latter recently. Mr. Pierce, or Peirce, as his name is spelled in the state department register, was an Italian by birth. Further confirmation of the death of Consul Cheney and family has reached the ambassador from the nephew of the German consul at Messina, who has just arrived at Naples.

Mrs. Daniel McLean, president of the Daughters of the American Revolution, issued a call to members of that organization throughout the country to contribute to a fund for the Italian sufferers through the National Red Cross society.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Chicago's contribution to the earthquake fund to night aggregated \$20,000. Of this amount \$12,000 was collected today. Emory S. Walker, an attorney, tonight telegraphed to Herbert F. Van at San Francisco, requesting him to report on the status of the fund. \$397,267 which was left over from the San Francisco earthquake fund, and placing it where it would be as visible to use that fund for the present sufferers.

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Pittsburg, Dec. 31.—The marriage of George Westinghouse, Jr., son of the famous inventor, to Miss Ethel Brookbank, an English beauty daughter of Sir Thomas Brockbank, a wealthy shipbuilder of Liverpool, England, will, it is said, today, take place the latter part of January, in Cumberland county, England.

Young Westinghouse, whose recent serious illness caused a postponement of the marriage, is rapidly convalescing.

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 31.—The Well hospital was completely destroyed by fire late Tuesday night. The ten patients in the building at the time were removed in safety. The loss is estimated at \$60,000, with insurance less than \$30,000. The hospital was owned by New York parties.

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